THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Information about kidnappings and murders in the North-Eastern States, including Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura, during the last three years [i.e., 1997, 1998 and 1999 (up to 30.11.99)] is given below:

Sr. No.	Head	Assam			Nagaland			Manipur			Tripura		
		1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
1	Killings	455	675	345	135	30	22	344	149	145	320	276	260
2	Kidnappings	98	164	96	52	59	69	37	22	11	152	442	433

Sr. No.	Head	Meghalaya			Mizoram			Arunachal Pradesh			Total		
		1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
1.	Killings	3	24	37	4	0	5	10	2	2	1267	1156	811
2.	Kidnappings	3	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	13	342	692	634

(c) The steps taken by the Government to contain insurgency in the North-East include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the concerned agencies; modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments; raising of India Reserve Battalions, sanction of Special Central Assistance; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'.

Arrears of Dues to NTPC from Sebs

*147. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation has to recover huge arrears of dues from Delhi Vidyut Board; if so, the total accumulated dues as on March 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997;

(b) since how long the arrears have accumulated, the reasons for such accummulations and the details of arrangements for recovery of such dues; and

(c) the total accumulated arrears of dues to NTPC from the various State Electricity Boards as on March 31, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM: (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) [1]has accumulated huge arrears of dues which are to be recovered from Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB). Total accumulated dues of DVB as on March 31, 1997, 1998, 1999 and as on 31.10.1999 are as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

	Principal	Surcharge	Total
31st March, 1997	803.76	104.50	908.26
31st March, 1998	959.80	403.98	1363.78
31st March, 1999	1279.36	745.18	2024.54
31st Oct., 1999	1302.12	954.92	2257.04

(b) Arrears have got accumulated since long due to non-payment of full dues by DVB. A statement indicating details is enclosed *(See* below)

National Thermal Power Corporation and Government are taking up various measures/arrangements regarding recovery of outstanding dues as indicated below:

(i) The NTPC Management and Ministry of Power are pursuing recovery of dues with DVB and Delhi Government.

(ii) Regular letters have been sent at highest level to DVB and Delhi Government;

(iii) Prime Minister took three meetings on 6.10.1996, 10.2.1997 and 9.5.1997 in this connection asking DVB/Delhi Government to liquidate the dues early.

(iv) Recently on 31.5.1999 a meeting was taken by Secretary, Ministry of Power wherein the following decisions were taken:—

(1) DVB will maintain Letter of Credit to cover full current monthly payments.

(2) In case the billing in any month is lower than the Letter of Credit (LC) amount, DVB will ensure full LC payment and the Excess amount will be adjusted towards arrears.

(3) DVB will pay Rs. 25.00 crores per month towards arrears with effect from October, 1999. This rate of liquidation would be reviewed subsequently for upward revision.

However, the decisions of this meeting have not been fully implemented by DVB/Delhi Government.

(v) In addition to above, the Government has also approved central appropriation of Rs. 713.27 crores for the recovery of outstanding dues as on 31.12.1996.

The total accumulated arrears of dues to NTPC from various State Electricity Boards (SEBs) as on March 31, 1999 are as under:—

Principal amount of	Rs. 6699.96 crores
Surcharge amount of	Rs. 3708.59 crores
Total	Rs. 10408.55 crores

Statement

Dues Accumulation Over the Years Due to Non Payment of Full Current Dues by DVB.

(Rs./Crs.)

Year	Principal	Surcharge	Total	Outstanding LC as month of average billing	Opened
1992-93	99.29	53.88	152.37	4.4	15.00
1993-94	167.68	63.73	231.41	7.0	11.00
1994-95	285.07	74.63	359.70	6.5	40.00
1995-96	479.94	74.63	554.57	8.9	55.00
1996-97	803.76	104.50	908.26	10.4	60.00
1997-98	959.80	403.98	1363.78	10.9	90.00
1998-99	1279.36	745.18	2024.54	11.5	118.00
1999-2000 (Upto Oc t., 99)	1302.12	954.92	2257.04	10.6	138.00